

# Miles Without Stiles

## Stow-on-the-Wold



This walk takes in the famous Cotswold town of Stow-on-the-Wold and surrounding countryside, including the village of Mangersbury.

### Distance:

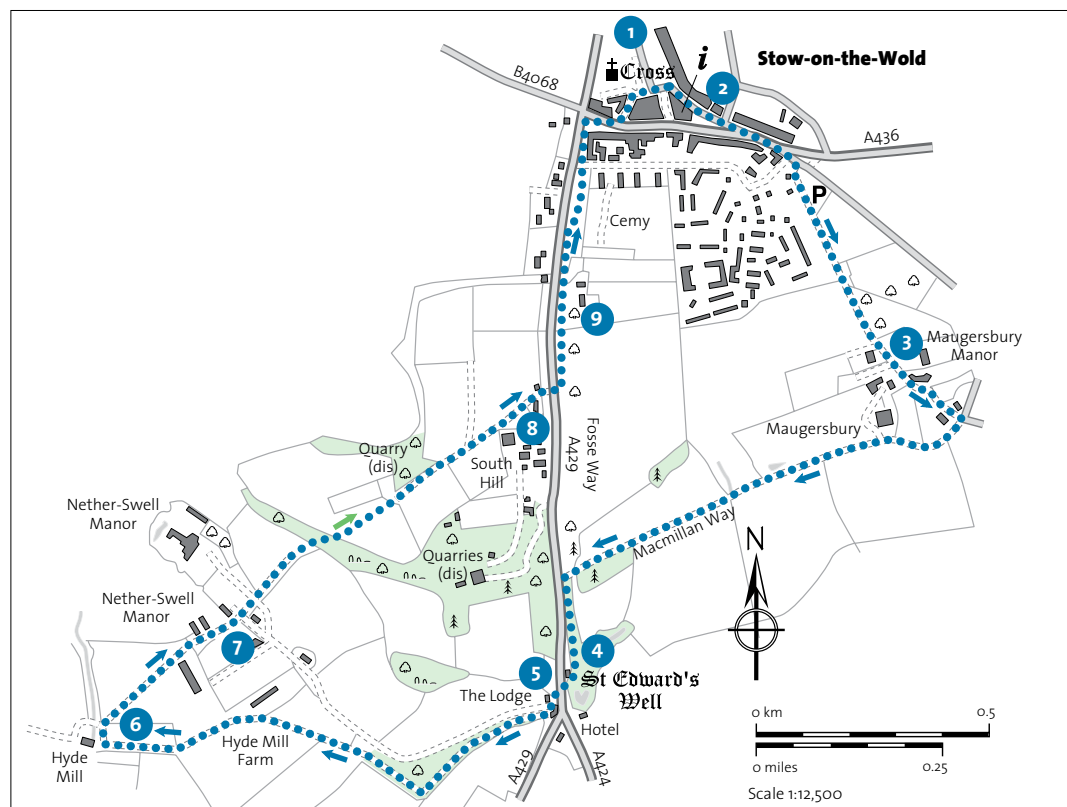
5.5 kilometres/  
3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles (2 hours)

**Start:** Stow Cross in the Market Square. Car parking available at Tesco's public car park and Oddington Road car park.

### Route:

From the cross, ① walk down Digbeth Street to the Royalist Hotel ②. Cross Well Lane, then use the pedestrian crossing to reach the other side of Park Street. Follow Park Street downhill and cross lower Park Street, before walking down the unmade road to Mangersbury Manor ③. After passing the Manor on your left follow the road downhill until you reach a minor cross-roads. Turn right and follow this tree-lined road for 800 metres until you reach the Fosse Way.

Turn left down South Hill, passing St Edward's Well ④ in the trees on your left, to the junction with Burford Road (A424). Cross the Fosse Way with **extreme caution**, using the traffic islands, turn left down the verge to reach the Nether Swell Manor lodge house. ⑤ Turn half-right



and follow the bridleway down the lower of the two metalled roads (marked Private drive to Hyde Mill only) for 1100 metres to reach Hyde Mill. ⑥

Turn right to pass Hyde Mill on your left, before turning half-right through a white wicket gate to head for the left hand corner of the large equestrian training centre ahead. Passing this large shed on your right, walk uphill through Nether Swell Manor Farm ⑦ and follow the hedge, through a series of white gates, to

another white gate on the edge of a strip of trees. Bear right through these trees to the next gate on the edge of the wood. Leaving the wood, bear slightly left across the meadow towards the left-hand edge of the gap between the trees on the skyline. As you clear the false crest, you should see a wicket gate ahead of you to the right of a farm gate at the end of a hedge-lined track. Follow this track for about 400 metres, passing South Hill Farm ⑧ on your right, to reach the Fosse Way.

Cross the Fosse Way **with great care** then turn uphill towards Stow. About 100 metres after passing Bretton House ⑨ turn right into the cemetery then left and follow the line of yews to the iron gate ahead. Cross Back Walls and walk along the front of Wragg's Row to the traffic lights on Sheep Street. Cross Sheep Street turn right in front of the Unicorn, then pass the Post Office and turn left down Church Street. Follow Church Street round, past St Edward's Church, to re-enter the Market Square opposite the Cross.